

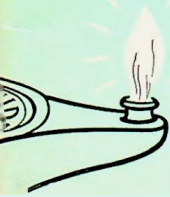
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INTO THE POOL

IN THE 1966 edition of *The Friendship Book* of Francis Gay, published by Messrs. D. C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., the entry for July 30 reads: "As far as I know I never met Mr.

Steering by Compass

William Crawford. He lived in Yorkshire and was for twenty years a councillor in the small town of Driffeld. Although these are all the facts I know about him, I feel I have a very good idea of the kind of man he was. He was selfless. He went about doing good quietly. He had a strong but simple faith, and was never afraid of declaring what he believed. How can I be sure I am right about Mr. Crawford? The answer is that after his death a card was found in his wallet. It read: 'Think fairly. Love widely. Witness humbly. Build bravely'."

AT THE END of June Padre MICHAEL ROWDON, Parochus of All Hallows since 1962 and Warden of 'Forty-two' Trinity Square, will be leaving with his wife and family for an extra-

Changes at All Hallows

parochial assignment in Perth, Western Australia. We wish them all well. At the end of April Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES TISSHAW will be retiring from All Hallows, where he has been Verger since leaving the Navy in 1945. We shall miss the familiar sight of 'Tish', always a great enthusiast for his job, charging around the Guild Church with his gown billowing behind him, like a ship in full sail. The Tishaws are succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. SID HIGBEE who, after two mutually enjoyable years as caretakers here at Headquarters, are crossing the road. Sad for us, but lucky All Hallows.

THIS SUMMER'S PROGRAMME of work projects will be the largest yet. Projects will include: work for the Nature Conservancy; painting and decorating in Hockley (Birmingham),

A Packet of Projects

The Gorbals (Glasgow) and Stepney (London); work at Cheshire Homes and homes for the mentally handicapped; running a holiday for physically handicapped people in Surrey. If you know of anyone, male or female, aged between fourteen and twenty-one, who would like to take part, please ask them to write for full details to: The Toc H Projects Centre, 41 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3. Early application is advised.

A FOOTBALL CLUB in the Midlands wrote to the local Toc H Branch to say that they were holding a Sports Day and Barbecue. The letter continued: "We would like you to put on

An Exhibition of Ourselves

a display of your well-known products. . . . We would also be very grateful if you would donate a prize. . . ." We are not told how the Branch responded, but many a Branch humorist could spend a happy time drawing up a list of his Branch's "well-known products"! Any offers?

THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE of "Show Boat" by the STOCK EXCHANGE DRAMATIC & OPERATIC SOCIETY at the Scala Theatre on February 15 resulted in a profit of £650 for the

"Show Boat"

Croydon Centre appeal fund. Our Vice-Patron, the Hon. ANGUS OGILVY, was present in a crowded house and afterwards thanked the cast and producer for their excellent production. All seats were sold in advance and some late applications by Branches meant disappointment for them: we advise earlier bookings next year.

HIS MANY FRIENDS in Toc H will be interested to read that GORDON TURVEY, M.B.E., who served on the peace-time Toc H staff at home and in New Zealand, and in the Middle

Ordination Trust

East during World War II, has been ordained and is now serving in the parish of St. Paul, Letchworth. Gordon was an 'All Hallows Ordinand' and we take this opportunity of drawing attention to the Toc H and All Hallows Trust. Small annual grants to help with the purchase of books are made to candidates known to Toc H, and those who receive grants undertake to attend a conference for Toc H Padres. Invitations to speak to their Theological Colleges are also arranged, which give us a chance to discuss with future priests the place of Toc H in the local community.

The Queen to Visit the Old House

ON MAY 13 the Old House is to have the honour of a short visit by our Patron, the Queen, together with the Duke of Edinburgh and King Baudouin. This will be during their tour of the Salient at the conclusion of the state visit to Belgium. They will see the Old House in its normal rôle with an ordinary Branch party in residence and will also meet a number of our Belgian members and friends. Our Vice-Patron, the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, intends to be in residence, thus making up for his disappointment when illness prevented him from attending the Jubilee Celebrations last year.

UNFORCED HARMONY



Typically uproarious entertainment by the Toc H London Male Voice Choir, this time for old folk in the East End. Recruits for this excellent team will be welcomed by E. R. Tite, 23 Featherbed Lane, Addington, Surrey.

"Jack or Surge"

JOHN MITCHELL

"WHY HELP JACK?" has become a familiar question in Toc H circles and also in many schools, youth clubs and Toc H Volunteer groups. It is, basically, one of the questions the Projects Team is posing to an increasing number of young people.

"Why *drink* Jack?", however, is a new question. This was the question confronting a dozen boys who spent the first week of January on a work-camp in Stepney. The recruiting pamphlet had asked for volunteers "to re-decorate a derelict house for use in rehabilitation of compulsive drinkers", but none had anticipated the grim world of 'jack' (methyated spirits), 'surge' (surgical spirit), hunger, cold and bitterness that lay behind that bald appeal.

Sleeping on the floor of a draughty church hall in Cable Street, the party spent its week aiding the work of a Methodist minister, the Rev. James Martin, who is deeply involved in the problem of the homeless man in East London, particularly the crude spirit drinker. One of his priorities is to acquire small houses in which groups of these men may live and attempt to work out their future as a small community. After one experimental project on these lines at Wapping, a derelict house in Cable Street has been acquired and the Toc H party spent a week putting in windows, rebuilding a wall, renovating, painting and so forth.

The contribution made by the party to the long-term work in Cable Street was of course minute. The aspect that made the project memorable was what was learnt about the plight of those men who drink crude spirits. One evening the party was taken on what must surely

have been the ultimate in 'conducted tours'—a tour of some of the 'skippers' (the places where these men live) and a chance to meet and talk with some of their inhabitants. The party had expected the derelict house that they visited, but they were not prepared for the pitch-black descent into a hole in the ground, dripping wet, where four men lay on their rubble beds, nor were they prepared for 'the ramp'—four hundred square yards of rubble on which fifteen to twenty men lived—and still live—with no shelter, no protection. They stand, sit and sleep on rubble, and who cares if they die of exposure?

Snatches of conversation linger: —

"How many men live like you in this part of London?"

"Oh, between two and three thousand." (By no means all spirit drinkers.)

"Do you like methylated spirit?"

"No, it makes you feel sick every time you drink it."

"Well, why do you drink it?"

"For the alcohol in it—it's the only booze we can get."

"But why do you drink at all?"

"To escape. If your life was having no place to live, no job, no National Assistance, being cold and hungry, looked down on and avoided, wouldn't you want to escape?"

"Why don't you get National Assistance?"

"Because we've got no fixed address."

"How do you get food?"

"Dustbins. . . ."

The contribution of the work camp was, I repeat, minute. So also was the contribution of residents of 'Forty-two' Trinity Square who helped to build the soup kitchen where these men can get a meal before going out to sleep. Greater, but still small, is the contribution of half-a-dozen volunteers from Tower Hill Mobile Action who visit the

soup kitchen every Saturday night, not just to serve soup but to sit with the men and try and make friends with them.

It is good to know that a few of the younger people on the fringe of Toc H are prepared to try and help but how much do we really care? These men do not need 'service', they need friends. Is it possible that the smelly, lice-ridden tramp with his hand in a dustbin is not worthy of our friendship? 'Tramp suppers' are a great Toc H joke and deepen our fellowship, so we are told, but for these men there is often no such thing.

Elder Brethren

we will remember them

Allen—In August, 1965, George John Allen, aged 62, of Prestatyn Branch. Elected 21.3.'40.

Barber—On November 25, Alfred William Robert Barber, aged 63, of Exmouth Branch. Elected 12.8.'57.

Barnes—On February 14, Douglas Barnes, aged 60, of Knaresborough Branch. Elected 7.1.'63.

Bolton—On January 17, Henry George Bolton, aged 71, of Hockley Branch. Elected 4.8.'59.

Bowles—On December 24, Cecil William Bowles, aged 62, of Colchester Branch. Elected 18.9.'57.

Bridgeman—On February 16, Ernest James Bridgeman, aged 56, a founder member of Bewdley Branch. Elected 29.9.'63.

Bryant—On February 11, Ronald Mervyn Fuller Bryant, aged 77, of Ipswich Branch. Elected 8.1.'32.

Campbell—On January 13, James Young Campbell, aged 75, a founder member of Coupar Angus Branch. Elected 24.9.'38.

Davies—On December 10, Daniel Davies, of Bedwas Branch. Elected 28.3.'51.

Downs—In October, 1965, Walter Downs, aged 73, of Carlin How Branch. Elected February, 1964.

Grantham—On January 16, William Charles Grantham, aged 56, formerly of Whitstable Branch. Elected 11.12.'28.

Gray—On January 20, William James Gray, aged 68, of Bexley-heath Branch. Elected 2.5.'61.

- Hall**—On February 16, William Henry Hall, aged 70, of North Ormesby Branch. Elected 24.10.'55.
- Harper**—On February 21, Canon Bertie James Harper, aged 83, formerly of Khartoum group. Elected 18.2.'35.
- Hartley-Heap**—On January 31, Robert Hartley-Heap, aged 90, of Cheriton Branch. Elected 7.10.'35.
- Hewson**—On January 15, John Alfred Hewson, aged 85, a founder member of Maltby-le-Marsh Branch. Elected 16.1.'52.
- Hill**—On December 24, Henry William Hill, aged 69, formerly of Hockley Branch. Elected 20.10.'59.
- Jeffries**—On September 12, Walter Jeffries, aged 78, of Carlisle Branch. Elected 16.1.'61.
- Jones**—In November, Daniel Jones, aged 75, a founder member of Treforest Branch. Elected 25.10.'33.
- Jones**—On January 23, Hugh Jones, aged 77, of Criccieth Branch. Elected 10.11.'52.
- Kimberley**—On January 25, Francis William Kimberley, aged 63, of Aston Manor Branch. Elected 22.5.'39.
- Nicholas**—On February 9, Frank Arthur Nicholas, aged 70, of Goring-by-Sea Branch. Elected 17.4.'58.
- Parkin**—On January 26, John Tait Parkin, aged 59, of Shrewsbury Branch. Elected 3.3.'59.
- Payne**—On January 16, Wallace Payne, aged 38, of Stroud Branch. Elected 18.11.'53.
- Penton**—On January 15, Ernest Penton, aged 55, of North Nottingham (Joint) Branch. Elected 27.10.'65.
- Perry**—On October 18, Robert Charles Perry, M.C., aged 73, formerly of Spetisbury Branch. Elected 1.1.'30.
- Sears**—On November 18, Harry Sears, aged 88, formerly of Dyserth Branch. Elected 8.3.'51.
- Smurthwaite**—In February, Albert E. Smurthwaite, formerly of Leigh (Lancs.) Branch. Elected May, 1925.
- Sturman**—On September 8, Ernest Sturman, aged 69, of Carlin How Branch. Elected 16.4.'51.
- Thompson**—On February 3, William Maughan Thompson, aged 50, of Ryton on Tyne Branch. Elected 12.2.'52.
- Thrower**—On February 25, Norris Thrower, aged 87, of Alton Branch, organist at the Old House in World War I. Elected 1.4.'21.
- Vickers**—In January, Samuel Vickers, formerly of Scunthorpe Branch. Elected 2.10.'29.
- Vigeon**—On April 8, 1965, George L. Vigeon, aged 70, of Carlisle Branch. Elected 21.2.'27.
- Wilson**—On January 9, Henry William Wilson, a Kent Area member. Elected (Chelsea) 1934.
- Yeoland**—In October, Donald Hendy Yeoland, of Roath Branch. Elected 15.11.'32.

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Around the World

TOC H OVERSEAS

THE JUNIOR FARMERS' MOVEMENT

IN THE OCTOBER *Link* of Toc H Australia Alec Ball recounts the origin of this Movement in Harvey, Western Australia. Most of us have never heard the story before. It is yet another instance of an idea being born in the fertile mind of a Toc H group, to grow into something of great proportions. Now read these extracts from Alec's article.

Early Survey by Toc H

As a Toc H job the Harvey group conducted a survey of the social service needs of the town and district in 1933. The times were difficult. The depression then existing saw farmers eking out a bare living from heavily mortgaged properties and it had created a glut on the labour market. Thousands were working at sustenance rates. Young people leaving school had no prospects of employment and the drift from rural areas to city was pronounced. The outlook for young lads was grim, and Harvey group decided that a club with an agricultural bias could provide profitable occupation of part of their enforced leisure.

The group's conclusions were reported in the local newspaper and the Department of Agriculture Adviser in the town expressed great interest in the proposal. He undertook to present it to the next meeting of the Harvey Agricultural Society and to seek the Society's backing. The following is a summary of the original proposal, which was duly presented, and which was drafted by the writer who, at the time, was a member of Harvey group.

The Proposal

The sponsors have in mind the formation of a Junior Farmers' Club whereby youths, whose future lies in the following of farming pursuits, are given the opportunity to acquire technical and practical education in modern methods of farming. They should be able to investigate further new methods, to undertake demonstrations, and to study the economics of all operations. Social activities must also be catered for in order to provide a balanced stimulus.

Initial Objects

- (a) To create an interest in general agricultural pursuits and with particular regard to the dairying industry.
- (b) To provide opportunity for youths to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge of good farming and a broader outlook.
- (c) To provide tuition in farm management, records and book-keeping and generally in the use of proper business methods.
- (d) To develop a sense of responsibility in youths of the part they have to play in the future of the State's development.
- (e) To stimulate a healthy rivalry amongst youth in relation to farming.
- (f) To study civic and social problems of economic phases, and of all matters relating to the marketing and sale of produce.
- (g) To create and promulgate a spirit of good fellowship and mateship between youths and a kindly interest in their fellows.
- (h) To point out the path of better citizenship, to encourage interest in civic affairs, and to provide training for leadership by giving members control over their own affairs, under supervision.

The Movement Today

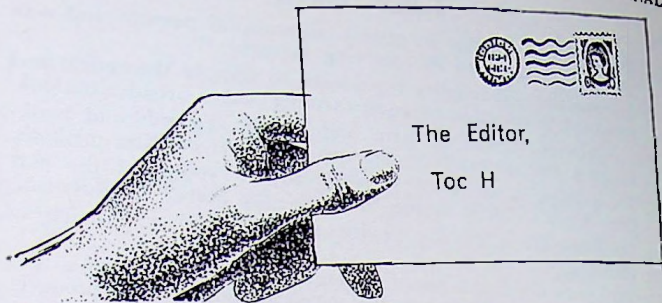
The Junior Farmers Movement is now firmly established throughout the English-speaking world and even beyond these limits. It is making a substantial contribution to the promotion of international understanding. Its value is recognised by governments, educationalists, commercial institutions, business houses and by the general public. It has beneficially influenced the development of agricultural education to an outstanding degree. In fostering the art of public speaking amongst youth it has proved a training ground for leadership; and it has generated fellowship and a desire amongst youth to serve the community.

The Lesson

Service in Toc H can be a real thing! We have seen how the germ of an idea can snowball into a mighty movement, and there are still other avenues of service in our community awaiting discovery. The opportunities exist—the challenge is to us! What about doing something?

Hovis

the golden heart of every meal



...communication...

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point

A Protest

IN THE FEBRUARY "Into The Pool" and in the paragraph "Worth Waiting For", there occurs this sentence:—"The continuing failure of the Anglicans to come up with a successor to the Rev. Kenneth Slack as General Secretary of the British Council of Churches was fast becoming a scandal."

Since when has it been Toc H policy, as mediated through the pages of its official publication, to criticise one of the Christian Churches and to stigmatise its action or lack thereof as "fast becoming a scandal"?

Perhaps it is not improper of me to assume that the Editor has a special responsibility for "Into The Pool". I do not know whether he has been accurate or inaccurate in his statement. What I venture to suggest is that it is not the business of Toc H to make this kind of pronouncement. Criticism in Branch discussion, when there is opportunity for immediate defence or explana-

tion, is wholly to be desired. It is, I submit, wholly deplorable, in the terms used, in the pages of the JOURNAL.

I write as an Anglican, but I should express the same distaste were I a member of any of the other Churches which make up the British Council of Churches.

(Rev.) JOHN DURHAM

Sudbury.

[The logic of this seems to be that this Editor, unlike all other editors, may never say anything in the least degree provocative, because no one can make instant reply. As to the accuracy, at least two responsible secular national papers were highly critical of the delay.—ED.]

Manchester 'Seven-a-Sides'

READERS may be interested to know of the Toc H (Manchester) Rugby Football Club's annual 'Seven-a-Side' Competition, the sixteenth of which is to be held on our grounds at

Stenner Lane, Didsbury, on Saturday, April 30.

The Club started this event in 1951, for junior Clubs in the area, in aid of the Manchester Toc H Children's Holiday Camp Fund, for which we have raised over £300. Last year for the Jubilee we were also able to send a donation to Etembeni. Over the years this event has grown and we now have thirty-two Clubs competing regularly; this year two are coming from South Wales.

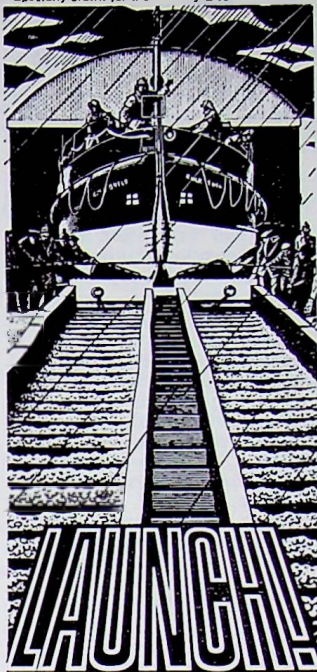
Last year we introduced a 'Consolation Competition' in which the sixteen teams beaten in the first round take part and have another chance of honour and glory. This means that forty-four games of seven minutes each way are played on four grounds, culminating in two finals of ten minutes each way.

We now have a new Club-house, behind the Didsbury Hotel, which will accommodate all the teams; we have a refreshment marquee on the ground to provide sandwiches, pies, cakes, tea, etc., and hot-dogs are served by our chef, Chum Hodge. John Players assist with the service of a public address vehicle; we also get help from the T.A., and telecommunication by the Hulme Grammar School Cadet Force. This all makes for a very enjoyable finale to the season and we shall be delighted if any members who are interested could join us on the day. Please address any enquiries to me at 10 Hesketh Road, Sale, Cheshire.

DERRICK I. BROWN

Manchester.

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Welcome to All Hallows

WILL MEMBERS NOTE NOW that the Annual Commemoration of the Elder Brethren of Toc H is on Tuesday, November 1, being All Saints' Day. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6.30 p.m., followed by a Guest-night in the Corn Exchange Building. In due course Branches and General Members will be invited to make their intentions known so that catering needs may be accurately assessed.

Once again we invite units in the Greater London area to consider a 1966 visit to the Guild Church on any Sunday afternoon of their choice. The programme usually begins with tea in the Porch Room at 4 o'clock, a historical tour of the church and undercroft, and service at 5.30. Now that Tower Hill is fast becoming the show place of the City, time should be allowed for a short guided tour of the precincts, including the new Bowring Building.

Members who wish to keep in closer touch with the Guild Church may receive the monthly bulletin (2s. 6d. for 12 issues post paid) and the *Quarterly Review* (5s. for 4 issues post paid).

All Hallows. COLIN CUTTELL
Vicar

Remembrance

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN A member of Toc H for over 35 years, and therefore must be regarded as one of the 'old school', I cannot help but agree in principle with the January letter by Freddie Petch of Hitchin.

I have felt for some long time that a change in this direction should be considered, especially appertaining to the Four Points of the Compass within the Ceremony of Light. The alternative Ceremony does seem to be the answer to this, and is much more appropriate to our present way of thinking, and in fact conveys the meaning of the Four Points.

One cannot help but feel that a newcomer in the Branch meeting, hearing this for the first time, would be far more impressed than with the former Ceremony which, whatever might be said about it, has served the Movement well in the past fifty years.

In adopting the alternative Ceremony I would suggest that it be not treated as a prayer, but that all present should be looking at the Light, as the Leader speaks the words.

'CABBY'

Gorleston.

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The Caravan Moves On

JOHN BAYES

IN THE JOURNAL of February 1965 one of the pupils of Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, Yorks., described their scheme for giving caravan holidays to needy families. How that project has grown in breadth and depth readers may judge from this progress report by John Bayes, the school's Religious Instruction master and Toc H Schools Correspondent.

"The Scheme has continued to grow on the sound foundation laid last year by the pupils, parents, local people and members of Toc H. The caravan roof has been re-covered by senior pupils and the exterior painted by Toc H men. Early this season an anonymous gift of money helped us to purchase a second four-berth caravan, the vendor of which not only generously reduced his asking price but also supplied us with various accessories including a quantity of sheets and blankets. Toc H ladies undertook the task of making the new loose covers for the mattress seats of this caravan. With our two four-berth caravans we are now able to cater for the large families whom we receive through our continued close association with the Leeds Family Service Unit.

"This year seven families varying from five to eleven members have spent periods from seven to fourteen days with us. With the co-operation of the School Domestic Science department each family has been provided upon arrival with a two course meal, the food being provided in turn by the girls' tutor groups. In addition a regular laundry service has been operated. The administration and improvement of the site has been very capably carried out by a group of 4D boys whilst some 3C boys have begun the preparation of an allotment for vegetable supplies next



Caravan 'at home'. One of the Lady Lumley's School boys pours out for the family in residence.

year. In addition to domestic work in the caravan, many pupils, notably the girls in 3C, 3D and 4D, have befriended and entertained the families both in and out of school time and some have continued to correspond with the children.

"Personal involvement in practical care is the vital factor of the scheme in its effect upon both the families and the pupils. For the families, with their histories of unsatisfactory personal relationships, the experience of being cared for and befriended is a vital step in progress towards a more stable life. For the pupils the benefits are manifold and necessarily differ according to individual intelligence, personality and degree of involvement. Here is a valuable source of reference for the teacher when dealing with human nature and human needs, an understanding of which is the beginning of religious knowledge. Training in direct care and responsibility for others in a concrete situation is of particular value especially to those

pupils in the lower secondary modern streams who also, even by participation in minor tasks, are given a share in the wider life of the school.

"Above all it is a training in social maturity. Our families, as a result of the interaction of events and their own personalities, often find themselves with little hope or purpose in life and frequently express feelings of worthlessness. It is a situation which neither 'charity' nor condemnation will alter. We try to bring our pupils to appreciate this situation and to see that, by accepting the families with all their many shortcomings and weaknesses and by showing to them a personal care and concern, we are helping them to gain a sense of 'belonging' within the human family. It is this kind of maturity of relationship with others which we try to encourage, in the belief that it is the kind of maturity into which our society is called to grow.

"To speak of success or reward would be to use terms inapplicable to our scheme. Rather may we more suitably close this report with the final words of a letter from the father of one family: 'Well that's all we can put on paper, but there is a lot more we feel but can't express in writing, so thank you very, very much'."

Mark Well!

When we set up provincial Mark Management Committees we emphasised the hope that this would lead to greater fellowship across the boundaries of the Mark with the local community. At least a start has been made at Mark XVI, Swindon, whose Hon. Warden, Roger Parkinson, has become engaged to Dawn Sproston, daughter of the Mark Committee's Chairman!

Hospital Library

Need for a New Look

MAYNE ELSON

THE IDEA of running library services for hospital patients is just about as old as Toc H. This was originally a purely voluntary effort, pioneered by the Red Cross in World War I. In those days you begged or borrowed (or stole?) a few books, got hold of a trolley of some sort, and there you were. It helped to break the ice for hospital visiting, anyway.

Nowadays the efficiency of our public library services, the vastly increased use being made of them in spite of the coming of television, and the growth of librarianship as a profession has made us realise a need for higher standards. Moreover, both nurses in training and those who are qualified need a specialised service within the hospital, as do the doctors. This was made very clear at a conference arranged by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London at the Hospital Centre in Edgware Road, in close co-operation with the Library Association, on February 9. Those present were nearly all from the medical, nursing and library professions, but the Red Cross, W.V.S. and Toc H were there to represent the voluntary side. The theme was the standards to be recommended for the library services needed in the hospitals of today and much of the time was devoted to the needs of staff, who, it was agreed, require a library separate from that of the patients though under the same direction.

At the moment, the high standards set out in the booklet *Recommended Standards for Libraries in Hospitals** seem unlikely soon to be realised. More than half the hospitals in this country still rely on voluntary library services. The supply of books, the qualifications of those in charge

of them and the storage space and other facilities available are often woefully inadequate. In one Hospital Board area in 1962 the cost of maintaining a patient for a week was £36 11s. 8d., of which only 3½d. represented library service. It seems that even in 1966, although reading is acknowledged to have a definite therapeutic value, many hospital authorities have still to be convinced about the value of hospital libraries.

Nevertheless, a gradual progress is being made towards a service which will be a combined effort of the hospital, the public library service and the voluntary organisations, including a separate medical book and publications service for hospital staff. It was acknowledged at the conference that the job of the faithful voluntary workers who take the books round the wards, and whose cheerful visits are so much appreciated as a contact with the non-hospital world, must continue. The voluntary library will, in time, be integrated into a professional service and the volunteer will then benefit from the guidance of a qualified librarian. Meanwhile he, or she, has a special responsibility for keeping up with his own reading and seeing to it that the stock of books, however obtained, is the best possible, changed as often as may be, and kept reasonably up-to-date.

*Obtainable from the Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, Store Street, London, W.C.1, price 5s.

WEIR SIDE, LANGDALE

During April/May, when Iain Fraser will be in Canada, any correspondence concerning bookings for Weir Side should be addressed to Wilfred Smith, 56 Oxenholme Road, Kendal, Westmorland.

For details concerning Weir Side please see January JOURNAL.

PIPE DREAM

JOHN CALLF

WITH ALL THE GROWING EVIDENCE to suggest the direct relation between cigarette smoking and lung cancer one might suppose that the annual consumption of tobacco would now be taking a steep dive . . . that is unless one happens to be a student of human behaviour. Those who study the perversities of our human nature will scarcely raise an eyebrow at the reports that in the United States cigarette smoking has actually increased, and that in this country we spent more on tobacco last year than ever before.

Non-smokers, if thoroughly cynical, ought to be very happy that these things should be. After all, the tobacco users contribute a staggering proportion of the national budget, and without this sum there would have to be a thumping increase in all other forms of direct and indirect taxation. A. P. Herbert remarked many years ago that the modern picture of the patriotic Briton was a man who drank like a fish, smoked like a chimney and 'invested' what was left in the pools.

I once worked it out that if one fifth of what Toc H members spent on tobacco were sent instead to the Hon. Treasurer the poor chap would be positively embarrassed with riches. Indeed from time to time Central Councillors have stood up and solemnly advocated that one cigarette less per day would solve our financial problems, but their advocacy has been about as ineffective as the lung cancer advertisements!

I remember visiting one Branch in the depths of the country where a youngish member was maintaining fiercely that it was right for Toc H to expect members to give service but it was monstrous to expect them to contribute money to Toc H funds as well. He would be

getting quite a good wage, but he chain-smoked throughout the meeting and the hands he waved to emphasise his point were brown with tobacco stain. Whether or not the poor chap was heading for lung cancer, it struck me that he was already pretty far gone with cancer of the soul.

Smoking has always seemed to be associated in some way with the Toc H image, and my early idea of the typical Toc H leader was the pipe-smoking philosopher sort of person. Indeed when I joined the Toc H staff at the age of twenty-one I bought my first pipe and my first ounce of Navy Mixture—part of the uniform, so to speak. I fancied it would give me a more manly appearance, yet now some psychologists suggest that smoking, with its sucking action, is actually an infantile regression!

The Warden at a place where many of our Central Councils have been held observed that we were far and away the heaviest smokers they ever had. He could tell this from the ashtrays at the end of each session. Hastening past the thought of our revered Central Council as a bunch of infantile regressors, and admitting that if anything the ashtrays have not been quite so full in recent years, let us ask ourselves whether or not smoking is a social problem and whether Toc H should consider doing something about it.

What we do know is that a lot of people say they would like to rid themselves of the addiction if only they could manage it without ending up nervous wrecks. Has any Branch yet gone so far as to set up one of these smokers' clinics which seem to have some success in this sort of thing; would it not be a worthwhile job for some of us to tackle? Mind you, this would not be intended as the thin end of the wedge, the beginning of a move to turn Toc H into a movement for non-smokers only. Some members help in Alcoholics Anonymous but that does not mean that they or their fellow Toc H members are no longer free to drink. This is still a free country, and Toc H still requires its members to form their own convictions.

My personal decision ten years ago to give up smoking had nothing to do with health concerns. More and more it grew upon me what a pointless exercise it was and that the money could be put to far better use. I worked out how much I was saving and every six months shared it out among charities of my choice, sometimes for church concerns, or refugees or a special Toc H project. Not having been a very heavy smoker, the sums were never astronomical, though in ten years the total amounted to quite a handy figure.

If in the early days I ever had a hankering to take up smoking again a glance at the receipts satisfied me that I was getting the best of the bargain. Now I couldn't take it up again if I tried. Once out of curiosity I had a puff at a cigarette and a cigar but am happy to say they were horrible!

A New Society

In the light of this experience I have a great notion to found a society to help people to give up smoking. It would be called the Order of Fragrant Weeds. To qualify for membership a man would have to sign a declaration that he would give up smoking and thereafter be known as a Last Gasper. Members would be organised into groups, or Packets, which would meet regularly for fellowship and mutual encouragement. At these meetings each Last Gasper would be expected to hand over to the group secretary, or Fag, the amount of money he knew he had saved through non-smoking since the last meeting. This would be carefully entered in a register, the total verified, and at the end of the meeting the Fag, with suitable escort, would march to the Bank and pop the takings in the night safe deposit to be credited to the Packet's account.

Once a quarter there would be a grand share-out meeting, known as the Gold Tip, when the amount handed in by each Last Gasper would be announced and a cheque for three-quarters of that sum handed back to him. The remaining quarter would be forwarded in his name to

charities of his choosing, for which, of course, he would eventually get receipts.

Inevitably there would be those who could not stay the course, despite all efforts by the group to fortify their resolution. These could resign at any time, when they would be formally struck off the roll. This would be called the Craven Cut and the delinquent would thereafter be known as a Craven B.

The Order would be organised into Areas as in Toc H and each year the Area deemed to have put up the best performance would win the Ashes. As the founder I should be called the Chief Stinker and would wear my Corona on all ceremonial occasions.

This is only the bare outline. Many details will need to be worked out and no doubt many improvements will be suggested. But I am sure all suckers will agree that this is a magnificent plan and also that on no account must it be allowed to happen.

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Toc H Family Stall

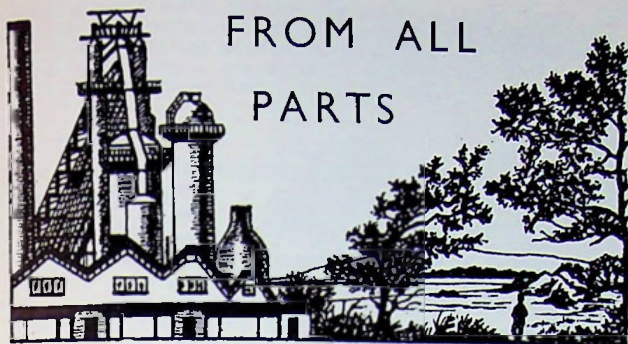
**Westminster Abbey Market and Fair in Dean's Yard,
Westminster, from July 19 to July 23**

MEMBERS IN ALL BRANCHES of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association have been invited to send in articles for the TOC H FAMILY STALL, to be sold for the benefit of our Movement. This is a joint effort in which the whole of Toc H may share, including our Toc H Builders and friends. The more goods we have to sell, the more money Toc H will receive, so all help will be warmly appreciated. The Market is being organised as part of the Abbey's 900th Anniversary celebrations and will assist twenty-four charitable organisations. Toc H is grateful to be included and intends to make the most of the opportunity offered, both financially and from the publicity which is expected.

A very large number of articles will be needed to stock the stall for five full days. Some gifts have already been received and others promised. Craft work of all kinds is very suitable, particularly any with local association such as tweeds, pottery, lace, wool and paintings. These will appeal most to the many overseas visitors who are expected to attend the Abbey celebrations, but all kinds of other saleable goods are, of course, welcome. Our Jubilee Art Exhibition last year demonstrated the considerable skill of a number of our members and it is hoped that they, with others, will come forward on this new occasion to offer their craftsmanship for the benefit of the Family.

All offers of gifts and help should be addressed to the TOC H FAMILY STALL, c/o Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

COLIN CAMPBELL.



AREA NEWS

DOR KNAP

Dor Knap, the Saxon name for "little place on the hill", has come to mean much to many members and friends of Toc H, but there are still lots who have not experienced the atmosphere of this homely place or shared its fellowship.

Whit Monday (May 30), Open Day, provides members, their families and friends, with an opportunity to visit our Conference and Training Centre and to enjoy the lovely surroundings overlooking the Vale of Evesham, the Malverns and beyond.

Those who have climbed the winding road to the house on the hill will have appreciated all the love and sweat spent on it by the hard-working 'labour force' to ensure that it is fit to use. Like painting the Forth Bridge, it is a labour that is never ended, to the everlasting glory of the 'inmates'.

The kitchen, library and dining room, with the rooms above, are said to date back to Elizabethan times. Many intriguing stories are told, including tales of mysterious bells, and spies, which the Warden suspiciously regards as rumours which have grown out of proportion. Nevertheless who doesn't enjoy delving into the legendary past?

But back to Open Day, when we shall again enjoy the colourful dancing of the Gloucestershire Morris Men. We hope also that one or two Branches will write to the Warden at Dor Knap offering to contribute some form of entertainment for the gathering. We are sure there is talent in Toc H; let's use it on Open Day.

Some Branches have already organised coach parties, so make Open Day a family day; bring your lunch, and picnic in the grounds. Tea and refreshments will be provided at a very reasonable cost. To be 'with it' in Toc H you have to visit Dor Knap.

TOMMY TRINDER



KENT AREA

That well-known horse nobbler, George Bennett, about to get at the favourite during Sevenoaks Branch annual fancy dress party.

EAST YORKS AREA

When the GOOLE Branch Recording Unit was formed with the object of presenting weekly Record Request Programmes for the benefit of hospital patients, none of its members was able to foresee the many other jobs of service which this project would make possible, such as Haggis on tape, for example!

Musical shows staged by the local Amateur Operatic Society have been recorded in the theatre, later to be played back to hospital patients and to house-bound fans in their own homes. Music has been provided for parties at which under-privileged children have been the guests. With the help of a distant Toc H Branch in another town, messages were exchanged between a hospital patient in Goole and an old friend she had not seen for many years who was prevented by ill-health from visiting her.

When, just before a local wedding, the bride's father was suddenly taken to hospital, the Recording Unit was called into action. The wedding service was recorded in full and was later played back to him at his bedside. The sequel was a happy one; as a direct result of this introduction to Toc H the bride's father became a member of the Branch.

Then a few weeks ago the Branch Chairman answered the telephone and found he was being asked to arrange a recording of a Burns Dinner! It emerged that David Turner, Secretary of the local Scots Society, who had been largely responsible for all the detailed planning of this important event, was unfortunately taken ill and admitted to hospital. It was a great disappointment that he was unable to attend the Burns Night celebrations, but Toc H did the next best thing. A tape recording of the high-

lights of the evening, including the piping in of the Haggis, and after-dinner speeches, was prepared, together with selections from the Scottish Dancing programme which followed. The recording itself was a technical success, and by kind permission of the hospital was later played back at Dave's bedside.

BILL HARDY

WESTERN LONDON

Members of PUTNEY PARK Branch have been playing Bingo—to the instructions of patients of the Royal Home and Hospital for Incurables, Putney! This followed a request from the Secretary of the Home for the Branch to run Bingo sessions on Saturday mornings. Some of the patients are unable to place the counters on their cards themselves and it requires three or four members to run the games, one to do the calling and the others to place themselves in positions where they can watch the cards of the players to help when their numbers are called.



Branch members arrive shortly after 10 a.m. and help to wheel the players into the room. The games are played from 10.45 until noon, when the players are taken back to their respective rooms. There are usually about thirty players and, judging from the appreciation so warmly expressed by the participants each week, the Branch feels that this is a job well worth continuing. The accompanying photograph was taken for the hospital authorities' own annual report and they have kindly loaned it for publication.

JOHN GINGELL

NOTTS & DERBY

NORTH NOTTINGHAM Joint Branch is to celebrate its first full year of Branch status, and as BRAMCOTE Joint Branch received its Lamp from Arthur Frymann, the Area Chairman, in February, and Orston Joint group has just been recognised, the Area now has two Joint Branches and one Joint group.

ORSTON ended 1965 with a remarkable Christmas Pageant in which all the players were villagers. A procession was led by Mary, seated on an ass, and Joseph. The village inn was the first stop, where they were turned away to a stable at the rear. Music for carol singing was provided by the Salvation Army and the singers were from the Church choir, whilst others were dressed as angels, complete with wings. The evening provided a blaze of colour for the large crowd which, despite the drizzle, turned up for this memorable evening. There was hot soup on the village green, and carol singing. Not only did Father Christmas distribute presents but also collected toys to be given to less-fortunate children on Christmas morning.

GRAEME Branch, Derby, has compiled most successfully a series of transparencies showing the type of jobs it has done. With this is an edited tape by Toc H and Women's Association members. This Branch has made arrangements to stick on to the backs of matchboxes, for sale in and around Derby, a label with the names of local Branches, their venues and times of meetings. Another excellent idea.

BERT BOWRING

Ernie says:



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